

**REMARKS**

Group I has been elected in response to the restriction requirement. However, this restriction requirement is respectfully traversed in that the undersigned is not entirely clear as to the basis for dividing the claimed subject matter into the particular six Groups as set forth in the Action, and is not certain as to exactly what originally claimed subject matter is intended to be included in each respective Group. Nevertheless, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, the claims have been amended to be limited to Group I as best its metes and bounds can be determined. It is applicant's intention to claim the fullest breadth and depth of subject matter from the original independent and dependent claims that come within the intended scope of Group I. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner advise the undersigned if the amended claims presented herein are overly restrictive relative to the scope of Group I as actually intended by the Examiner.

Claims 23 and 26 to 41 have been cancelled as being non-elected and claim 24 has been amended to update its dependency. New claims 42 to 48 have been added, and are dependent on one or more of the elected claims. Support for these new claims is found as follows:

- Support for claim 42 is found at page 1, lines 20-23 and Figure 1 at page 15.
- Support for claim 43 is found at page 2, line 31.
- Support for claim 44 is found at page 3, lines 3-4.
- Support for claim 45 is found at page 4, lines 24-26.
- Support for claim 46 is found at page 4, lines 26-27.
- Support for claim 47 is found at page 9, lines 15-16.

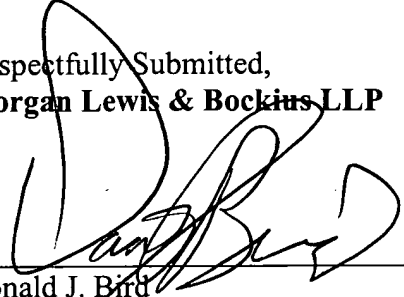
- Support for claim 48 is found at page 6, line 14-15.

It is believed that these claims are fully supported by the specification as filed, and come within the scope of elected Group I. Entry of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 24 has been amended as follows, wherein new material is shown by **bold underlined text** and deleted material is shown by **[bold text within brackets]**:

24. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 22 or **42 [23]** wherein the statin drug is administered as a pharmaceutical combination additionally comprising at least one other drug used for treating diabetes or the complications of diabetes.

Claims 23 and 26-41 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver.

New claims 42-48 have been added.